

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the Abstract with the following amended paragraph:

ABSTRACT

A trimmer comprises a cutting head (1) housing a cutter (5), and a shaft (2) for supporting the cutting head. A large diameter wheel (8) is rotatably mounted with respect to the cutting head (1), and a motor is provided for driving the cutter (5) via ~~drive means~~ an output shaft (7). The cutting head (1) is connected to the shaft (2) by ~~connection means~~ a joint (3) permitting the cutting head (1) to be positioned with its cutter (5) either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical. The wheel (8) is sized to contact the ground when the cutter (5) is substantially vertical and to circumscribed the axis of the ~~drive means~~ output shaft (7). The arrangement is such that the cutter (5) extends beyond the circumference of the wheel (8).